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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A utility ladder for providing illumination to a work area being worked on by a user, the utility ladder comprising:

a ladder assembly ~~being adapted~~ for being positioned on a support surface, ~~said ladder assembly being adapted for supporting~~ to support the user at a desired height above said support surface when the user is standing on said ladder assembly, said ladder assembly comprising a frame assembly and a plurality of step members coupled to said frame assembly, said frame assembly comprising a plurality of leg members and a deck member, said leg members being coupled to said deck member such that said leg members extend outwardly from said deck member at an angle; and

a lighting assembly being coupled to said ladder assembly, ~~said lighting assembly being adapted for being selectively operationally coupled to a power source such that said lighting assembly is for selectively emitting light to illuminate the work area the user is working on when said lighting assembly is operationally coupled to the power source;~~

a power supply assembly mounted on said ladder assembly for providing a power source, said power supply assembly comprising a switch mounted on said ladder assembly and being operationally coupled to said light fixture assembly to control supply of power to said lighting assembly from a power source, a cord member connected to said switch and being selectively couplable to the power source for transferring power from the power source to said switch member when said cord member is operationally coupled to the power source, and an outlet member mounted on said ladder assembly and being operationally coupled to said cord member for receiving power from the power source through said cord member when said cord member is operationally coupled to the power source; and

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wherein said lighting assembly comprises at least one light fixture assembly pivotally mounted on said deck member of said ladder assembly such that said at least one light fixture assembly is pivotable with respect to said deck member.

2. through 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The utility ladder as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

said leg members of said ladder assembly comprising a pair of front legs and a pair of rear legs, said front legs being fixedly coupled to said deck member, said rear legs being pivotally coupled to said deck member such that said rear legs are selectively pivoted towards said front legs to facilitate storage of said ladder assembly, said rear legs being pivoted away from said front legs to be positioned at an angle said front legs to support the user standing on the ladder assembly.

5. (Original) The utility ladder as set forth in claim 4, further comprising:

said ladder assembly comprising at least one bracing member, said bracing member extending between one of said front legs and an associated one of said rear legs, said bracing member being for selectively maintaining positioning of said rear legs with respect to said front legs to inhibit said rear legs from inadvertently moving with respect to said front legs and collapsing said ladder assembly when the user is standing on the ladder assembly.

6. (Cancelled)

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7. (Currently Amended) The utility ladder as set forth in claim
[[[6]]] 1, further comprising:

said light fixture assembly comprising a socket member and a light emitting member, said socket member being coupled to said ladder assembly, said socket member being adapted for being operationally coupled to the power source, said light emitting member being operationally coupled to said socket member such that said socket member supplies power to said light emitting member, said light emitting member being adapted for emitting light to illuminate the work area.

8. (Original) The utility ladder as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

said light fixture assembly comprising a shroud member, said shroud member being coupled to said socket member such that said shroud member extends around said light emitting member when said light emitting member is operationally coupled to said socket member, said shroud member being for reflecting light emitted from said light emitting member toward the work area.

9. (Original) The utility ladder as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

said light fixture assembly comprising a stanchion member, said stanchion member being coupled to said ladder assembly such that said stanchion member is positioned between said socket member and said ladder assembly, said socket member being pivotally coupled to said stanchion member such that said socket member is selectively positionable with respect to said stanchion member to allow the user to adjust the portion of the work area being illuminated by said light emitting member.

10. through 11 (Cancelled)

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12. (Currently Amended) The utility ladder as set forth in claim
[[[11]]] 1, wherein said power supply assembly further comprising
comprises:

a conduit member being coupled to said ladder assembly, said conduit member being positioned over a portion of said ~~chord~~ cord member such that the portion of the ~~chord~~ cord member is positioned between said conduit member and said ladder assembly, said conduit member being for inhibiting said ~~chord~~ cord member being pinched between said ladder assembly and an object and damaging said ~~chord~~ cord member.

13. through 14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) The utility ladder as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

said lighting assembly comprising a pair of light fixture members;

said leg members of said ladder assembly comprising a pair of front legs and a pair of rear legs, said front legs being fixedly coupled to said deck member, said rear legs being pivotally coupled to said deck member such that said rear legs are selectively pivoted towards said front legs to facilitate storage of said ladder assembly, said rear legs being pivoted away from said front legs to be positioned at an angle said front legs to support the user standing on the ladder assembly;

said ladder assembly comprising at least one bracing member, said bracing member extending between one of said front legs and an associated one of said rear legs, said bracing member being for selectively maintaining positioning of said rear legs with respect to said front legs to inhibit said rear legs from inadvertently moving with respect to said front legs and collapsing said ladder assembly when the user is standing on the ladder assembly;

said light fixture assembly comprising a socket member and a light emitting member, said socket member being coupled to said ladder assembly, said socket member being adapted for being operationally coupled

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to the power source, said light emitting member being operationally coupled to said socket member such that said socket member supplies power to said light emitting member, said light emitting member being adapted for emitting light to illuminate the work area;

said light fixture assembly comprising a shroud member, said shroud member being coupled to said socket member such that said shroud member extends around said light emitting member when said light emitting member is operationally coupled to said socket member, said shroud member being for reflecting light emitted from said light emitting member toward the work area;

said light fixture assembly comprising a stanchion member, said stanchion member being coupled to said ladder assembly such that said stanchion member is positioned between said socket member and said ladder assembly, said socket member being pivotally coupled to said stanchion member such that said socket member is selectively positionable with respect to said stanchion member to allow the user to adjust the portion of the work area being illuminated by said light emitting member;

wherein said power supply assembly further comprises a conduit member being coupled to said ladder assembly, said conduit member being positioned over a portion of said cord member such that the portion of the cord member is positioned between said conduit member and said ladder assembly, said conduit member being for inhibiting said cord member being pinched between said ladder assembly and an object and damaging said cord member.

16. (New) The utility ladder as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lighting assembly comprises a pair of light fixture members pivotable with respect to said ladder assembly.